

**Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church**

*It is our mission to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ! (Matt.28-19-20)*

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Sunday — February 21, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

*Please be respectful of those worshipping around you! If you must talk, exit to the narthex!*

**THE PEOPLE GATHER...**

*Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad!*

*If you have a prayer request, fill out a blue card and pass it toward the center aisle!*

**Silent Preparation for Worship**      **“Elevation”**      Min. Jennifer Geibel

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**      The Acolytes

**Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events**      Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

**Moment-for-Mission**      **The Mission Ministry**      Elder Debbie Dillman

*(Please stand)*

**\* Call to Worship** (Psalm 18.1-13)      Miss Alyssa Napolitana

**L:** Good morning! Please stand and join me in our Call to Worship!  
“[We] love You, O Lord, [our] strength. The Lord is [our] Rock, [our] Fortress,  
and [our] Deliverer, [our] God, [our] Rock in whom [we] take refuge...”

**P:** [the Lord is our] **Shield, and the horn of [our] salvation, [our] stronghold.**

**All:** [Therefore we] **call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so [we] shall be saved from [our] enemies,” and we will worship the Lord, our Refuge and Strength!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**      **“City of God”**      See Back of Bulletin

**\*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer**      Miss Napolitana

Lord God, You have called us from a week filled with joy and burdened by sorrow. You have called us, this day, to rest from our labors and honor You as we worship. Let Your Holy Spirit focus our attention completely on You, because we have gathered in Your name to sing Your praises, bring You our offering, confess our sin, and hear the Good News of forgiveness and love. In this hour, please be with us as  
**“Our Father...”**

*(You may be seated)*

## TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

**Call to Confession** (Jeremiah 3.11-13,25)

Elder Betty Ann Tis

God tells us, through the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, “ ‘Return, faithless Israel,’ says the Lord. ‘I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful,’ says the Lord; ‘I will not be angry forever. Only acknowledge your guilt, that you have rebelled against the Lord your God, and scattered your favors among strangers under every green tree, and have not obeyed My voice,’ says the Lord. [Therefore], let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us, for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our ancestors, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.” **In silence**, let us confess our sins so that our merciful God may have mercy, again, upon us.

**Kyrie**

**“Jesus, Remember Me”**

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Jeremiah 31.31-34**

Pastor Carmen

## TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**The Children’s Chat**

Miss Charlotte Schramm & Pastor Carmen

(Following the Chat, all children age 7 & under may leave to attend “Children in Worship.” a time when teachers and peers enjoy an intimate and fun-filled worship message!)

## TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

**Offering Call** (Exodus 30.14-16)

Elder Tis

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of the Law, God says, “Each one...from twenty years old and upward, shall give the Lord’s offering. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less...when you bring this offering to the Lord to make atonement for your lives. You shall take the atonement money from the [people] and shall designate it for the service of the tent of meeting; before the Lord it will be a reminder to the [people] of the ransom given for your lives.” In appreciation for what God continues to do, let us prepare to present the Lord’s offering!

**Offertory**

**“In Remembrance of Me”**

The Chancel Choir and Alexandra Newby, violin

(Please stand)

**\*Doxology**

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Napolitana

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

(Please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

<i>Hymn of Preparation</i>	<b>“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”</b>	Page 316
<u><i>New Testament</i></u>	<u><i>Matthew 24.3-14</i></u>	Pastor Carmen
<i>The Sermon</i>	<b>“It’s A Wake-Up Call!”</b>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<b>“My Lord What a Morning”</b>	Min. Geibel
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

<b>*Hymn of Departure</b>	<b>“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”</b>	Page 381
<b>*Taking the Light of Christ into the World</b>		The Acolytes
<b>*Charge &amp; Benediction</b>		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and the elders have recessed!)</i>		
<b>*Postlude</b>	<b>“Canzona”</b>	Min. Geibel

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**Welcome to Mt. Hope!** We are blessed by your presence this morning! We invite you to come and worship with us as often as you can, and join us in ministry! Please know that the doors of God’s church and the hearts of His people here are always open to you and your children!

**Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope!** An usher will direct you to our nursery for infants & toddlers up to age 4. A Cry Room is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience, and Worship kits are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex. The kits must be returned following worship!

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**Our worship services are recorded:**

<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on *recordings*.

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# City of God

*Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.*

*Refrain: Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing.  
For the Lord our light and our love has turned the night into day.*

*We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for all people to set their hearts free*

*O city of gladness now lift up your voice,  
proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice*

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**Our vision for fulfilling Christ's Great Commission is that, by *praying without ceasing*, God will enable us to: *develop* relevant studies of God's Word; *go out & reach out* to our neighbors in the spirit of service & Christ-like hospitality; *model* the blessings that come when we cheerfully give our tithes & offerings; *celebrate* often our life together in Christ, and; *worship & give thanks* to God as we witness our children & their families loving & serving God & His people!**

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**Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant**

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**Please pray for, call, or send a card to our sick & homebound members:**

Out of respect for personal privacy,

individuals are not added to or deleted from this list without their consent.

Dorothy Arnold, Virginia Ayres, Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Cyndi Head, Pearl Hicks, Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman, Betty Sundin

**\*\* For additional information such as phone numbers, e-mail or addresses please contact the church office.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers were given with love on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from Mom, Dad, Ben and Jessi in honor and celebration of Erica Brandon's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday!; on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> from Barry & Michelle Irwin in celebration of their wedding anniversary; and today from Beth Howard in loving memory of her father, Thomas B. Howard.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,083; received 2 weeks ago = \$2,768; difference= -\$1,315.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "Feeding the 5000", led by Alaina Napolitana and assisted by Laurie Napolitana and Jordan Chisnell.

Birthday Wishes to Scotty Schramm (2.7); Carol Nakles (2.12); Margie Baur (2.23); Judith Wilson (2.28).

Happy Anniversary to Barry and Michele Irwin (2.10).

Fellowship time today will be provided by the Fellowship Ministry. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Evangelism Ministry.

Cyndi Head would like to thank everyone for your calls, cards, and prayers! May God continue to bless each one of you!

There will **NOT** be Blood Pressure Screenings done today due to the Annual Congregational Meeting/4Q Update.

Mt. Hope is hosting "The Snow Ball" Father-Daughter Dinner Dance on Sat. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> from 630-10p. Fathers & daughters can dance the night away, feast on a gourmet meal, and indulge in the chocolate fountain buffet for dessert. Advance reservations are required for this semi-formal event. Tickets are \$25/couple or \$95/table of 8. For reservations, contact Rita in the church office, or see a committee rep. after worship in the narthex. -Thank you! Amy Williams

Sunday School! The Rev. Dick Shorthouse will be offering 3 excellent Adult Sunday School classes on Mar. 14, 21, & 28! Please plan to attend, beginning at 9:45a. Millie Bichsel and Bill Haley will continue to teach through March 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Annual Marriage Retreat: Fri. Mar. 12-Sun. Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Sandscrest Resort.  
Cost per couple: \$320 which includes lovely lodging and 6 delicious meals. If you are interested in attending, please contact Elder Bill Tis\*\*. Thank you!

**It's not too late** to join us at ZUMBA to shake off the winter blues and those winter pounds! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to exercise, laugh and have fun on Mondays & Wednesdays at 7p. You do not need to commit long-term, you can pay on an "as you attend" basis. Feel free to come and see how much fun people are having at Zumba. Zumba Gold classes are no longer available.

**Don't forget your Per Capita!** Per Capita dollars help offset the cost to our Pittsburgh Presbytery, in doing its work and the work of our General Assembly. Each member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is assessed an amount based on the number of churches within a specific geographic boundary. For 2010, your individual assessment is \$22.43, and can be placed in the envelope inside of your tithing envelopes marked *Per Capita*. Thank you!

**Continue to bring your non-perishable food items** to the church every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, so that we can help "feed the hungry" as Jesus commanded every day of the year!

**The Flower Chart Notebook for 2010 is in the Narthex.** 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. Dates available – **Feb 28 and March 14,21!** Contact Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*.

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**What is going on in Penn Hills?** To find out, log on to [www.pennhills.org](http://www.pennhills.org).

**What is going on in our Presbytery?** Log on to [www.pghpresbytery.org](http://www.pghpresbytery.org) to find out!

**Men's and Women's Shelter** basket in the narthex for contributions! Thank you!

**The Penn Hills Service Assoc.** continues to be thankful for your generous support!

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

<b><u>TO DAY after Worship!</u></b>			<b><u>Annual Meeting/4Q Update</u></b>	JK Hall
Mon.	Feb. 22	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	Feb. 23	530p	Tuesdays' Together	JK Hall
Wed.	Feb. 24	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		630p	<b><u>Lenten Series Begins-Meal &amp; Study</u></b>	JK Hall
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Feb. 25	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Feb. 26	4p	Youth Pizza-With-the-Pastor	Pastor's Home!
Sat.	Feb. 27	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...**

Tue.	Mar. 2	1130a	World Day of Prayer Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed.	Mar. 3	630p	Lenten Series-Meal & Study	JK Hall
Fri.	Mar. 5	11a	<b><u>World Day of Prayer</u></b>	Sanctuary
Sat.	Mar. 6	630p	Snow Ball/Father-Daughter Dance!	JK Hall
Fri.	Mar 12-14		Annual Marriage Retreat	Sandscrest Resort

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...**

Mon.	Mar. 15	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Sun.	Mar. 28	11a	<b><u>Palm Sunday Service</u></b>	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 1	7p	<b><u>Maundy Thursday Service</u></b>	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 2	7p	<b><u>Good Friday Service</u></b>	Sanctuary
Sun.	Apr. 4	11a	<b><u>Resurrection Sunday</u></b>	Sanctuary
Fri-Sun.	Apr. 9-11		<b><u>Women's Retreat</u></b>	Crestfield Camp
Sun.	May 23		<b><u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b>	Sanctuary

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